

In the Specification:

Kindly amend the specification as follows.

On page 1, after the title insert: BACKGROUND ART

On page 1, rewrite lines 22-24 to read:

Indications in patients greater than 18 years, less than 55 years, of Modic I stage, include discography painful upon injection, and scanner showing conservation of the joints.

On page 2, rewrite lines 4-7 as follows:

If one considers coxarthrosis in ~~parallel~~general, while it benefited initially from arthrodeses that produced results in terms of pain reduction, it was relegated to obsolescence as soon as the articulated hip prosthesis was developed.

On page 3, in line 16, insert: BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 5, rewrite lines 24-25 as follows.

The fragment of joint that is obtained is ~~described~~ depicted in ~~Figures~~ 5a and 5b.

On page 7, in line 17, insert: BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING FIGURES

On page 8, in line 20, insert: DETAILED DESCRIPTION

On page 9, rewrite lines 17-25 as follows:

In the context of a fixed connection of the core (3), the latter may have, in combination with the insert (1), complementary coupling means. For example, as is shown by ~~Figures 2~~Figures 11 and ~~3~~12 of the drawings, the insert (1) has a dovetail groove (1a) for free engagement, by sliding, of complementary means (3c) featured by the lateral edges of the base of the core (3). According to one embodiment, the core (3) may have a projecting stud (3d) capable of cooperating with a complementary recess (1b) in the groove (1a) in order to provide translational blocking of the core (3). Other means may evidently be provided.

On page 11, rewrite lines 19-23 as follows:

The root L4, for example, is delicately retracted by any known and appropriate means in order not to injure the branches that extend from the root L4 to the lower root L5. Since the disc is open, the annulus is excised. The disc is then ~~eureted~~-curetted by this postero-lateral route. ~~Curetage~~-Curettage is then performed at the front, at the centre and on the contralateral side.

On page 14, rewrite lines 4-7 as follows:

- the possibility of posterior opening of the lumbar canal to fit the prosthesis, permitting ~~euretage~~-curettage of the associated compression elements, which can be ~~eureted~~-curetted only by this posterior route: narrow canal, disc hernia, osteophytes.